

Hot Springs School District	Policy: GBC
Policy Manual	

STAFF ETHICS

An effective educational program requires the services of men and women of integrity, high ideals, and human understanding. To maintain and promote these essentials, all employees of the district are expected to maintain high standards in their school relationships. These standards, at a minimum, include the following:

- The maintenance of just and courteous professional relationships with students, parents, staff members, and others in all forms of communication.
- The maintenance of their own efficiency and knowledge of the developments in their fields of work.
- The transaction of all official business with the properly designated authorities of the school system.
- The establishment of friendly and intelligent cooperation between the community and the School District.
- Favorable representation of the School District at local events that are in recognition of the schools' contributions to the community.
- The placement of the welfare of children as the first concern of the School District, thus appointments to positions and promotion must be based solely on merit. The use of pressure on school officials for appointment or promotion is unethical.
- Restraint from using school contacts and privileges to promote partisan politics, sectarian religious views, or selfish propaganda of any kind.
- Directing any criticism of other staff members or of any department of the School District toward the improvement of the School District. Such constructive criticism is to be made directly to the particular school administrator who has the administrative responsibility for improving the situation and then to the Superintendent if necessary.

Legal References: SDCL 13-43-25

Cross References: GBCA, Staff Conflict of Interest
GBCB, Staff Conduct
GBCBA, Freedom of Expression

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